## 1 Supplementary Figure 1. High concentrations of formalin influence 2 antigenicity of RSV pre-F and post-F. Boxes represent the blot cut-outs shown 3 in Figure 1. Left, dots of pre-F, post-F, RSV or FI-RSV are applied to a 4 nitrocellulose membrane and blotted with antibodies motavizumab, AM14, D25 5 and 5C4. Right, dots of pre-F and post-F incubated at 37°C for 72 hours without 6 formalin (heat-Inactivated, HI), with 0.025% formalin (formalin-Inactivated, FI), 7 and with 1% formalin (1%) are applied to nitrocellulose membranes and blotted 8 with antibodies motavizumab, AM14, D25 and 5C4 as above. Motavizumab is 9 able to detect RSV, FI-RSV, post-F incubated with all concentrations of formalin, 10 and pre-F incubated with 0.025% formalin or no formalin. AM14, D25 and 5C4 11 are able to detect only RSV (not FI-RSV) and only pre-F (not post-F) incubated 12 with 0.025% formalin or no formalin. Neither AM14, D25 nor 5C4 are able to 13 detect pre-F or post-F incubated at 1% formalin.

